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MR. SPEAKER :—" Question hour is more or less non-official time and the non-official members must take more interest. I have received answers for a number of questions. If questions are to be postponed like this, it means the answer to so many questions will not see the light of day."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Then, may I request that the question put by Sri T. C. Narayanan Nambiar may be taken up to-day and this question postponed to to-morrow?"

Tile industry

* 819 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the Feroke Tile Workers' Union and the Malabar Trade Union Congress recently regarding the constitution of a committee to enquire into the condition of the tile industry; and

(*b*) the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Government examined the question but considered that disputes in individual establishments might be settled by direct negotiation, conciliation or adjudication and that there was no need for a general enquiry by a Tripartite Committee. The Tile Group of the Malabar Committee of All-India Trade Union Congress was informed accordingly."

* 820 *Q.*—SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" I request that this may be taken up to-morrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Filter points

* 821 *Q.*—SRI M. S. MOGRAL : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many filter points were installed in the West Coast districts in the year 1953–54;

(*b*) how many ryots were given loans by the Government to instal filter points during the same period; and

(*c*) what are the conditions necessary for the installation of filter points?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) 23.

" (*b*) 17 (for pumpsets).

" (*c*) An adequate water table and a layer of coarse sandy aquifer of at least 6 feet depth are necessary for the successful installation of filter points."